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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, CDES (TERUGGI, FRANK RANDALL)

SUBJ: TERUGGI TORTURE LETTER

REF: STATE 041014

1. AS DEPT AWARE, CHICAGO GROUP DEPARTED SANTIAGO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23; THEREFORE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO TRY TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILS FROM MR. TERUGGI OR OTHERS AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST ANY DEPT INITIATIVE REGARDING LETTER, SINCE IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT TERUGGI WILL SURFACE IT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT TERUGGI WANTED TO DISCUSS LETTER FIRST WITH WIFE (SANTIAGO 878), AND IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THEY MAY PREFER PREVENT RELEASE OF LETTER.

3. GIVEN CLOSENESS OF TERUGGI TO CBS CORRESPONDENT FRANK MANITZAS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF TERUGGI HAD FAILED TO DISCUSS LETTER WITH HIM AND PERHAPS WHERE HE GOT IT. CHANCES ARE IF THIS IS CASE THAT TERUGGI MIGHT BE PRESSED TO RELEASE LETTER BY PERSONS IN U.S. WITH WHOM MANITZAS IS APPARENTLY IN CONTACT, IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO REVEAL HE GOT IT FROM DUTCH EMBASSY.

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4. CONSEQUENTLY IF LETTER SURFACES, WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN DEPT'S ACKNOWLEDGING IT HAS LETTER TEXT. NEITHER DO WE SEE ANY GREAT PROBLEM IN DEPT INDICATING IF PRESSED THAT WE GOT IT FROM DUTCH EMBASSY, SINCE LATTER RECEIVED US CONSULAR OFFICER SPECIFICALLY FOR PURPOSE GIVING HIM COPY OF TEXT. THERE IS SOME QUESTION IN MIND OF DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICERS, WE UNDERSTAND, WHETHER SUCH IDENTIFICATION COULD CAUSE GOC TO CALL INTO QUESTION CORRECTNESS OF DUTCH EMBASSY'S HANDLING OF ASYLEES, BUT WE ESTIMATE THIS IS RELATIVELY MINOR PROBLEM. NATURALLY THIS PROBLEM WOULD NOT EXIST FOR US SHOULD TERUGGI OR OTHER SOURCES REVEAL, AS APPEARS LIKELY, THAT LETTER WAS OBTAINED FROM DUTCH. (TERUGGI ADMITTED TO AMBASSADOR, IN RESPONSE DIRECT QUESTION, THAT HE HAD OBTAINED LETTER FROM DUTCH EMBASSY.)

5. NEITHER DO WE SEE ANY PROBLEM IN DEPT'S OBSERVING THAT INFORMATION IN LETTER IS AT BEST SECOND-HAND, SINCE THIS CAN BE CONCLUDED FROM INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF TEXT ITSELF.

6. STICKING POINT IS AUTHORSHIP OF LETTER. WE MUST EMPHASIZE THAT DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICER WHO REVEALED AUTHOR TO US SPECIFICALLY SAID HIS CHIEF WHOULD RUIN HIS CAREER IF HIS "INDECRETION" BECAME KNOWN. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO INDICATE WHO WROTE THE LETTER.

7. DEPT MIGHT NOTE THAT MR. TERUGGI OBTAINED LETTER FROM DUTCH EMBASSY SANTIAGO AND THAT CAREFUL READING OF LETTER INDICATES THE FOLLOWING:

- A. AUTHOR APPARENTLY STILL IN SANTIAGO.
- B. AUTHOR HAS HAD NO OR LITTLE CONTACT WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS SINCE OCT 15, AS STATED IN LETTER.
- C. AUTHOR HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STUDENTS FROM THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED STATE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (UTE).

8. TO BUTTRESS FOREGOING, DEPARTMENT COULD SAY, IF NECESSARY, THAT PRIOR TO DATE WE RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER, WE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SEPARATE SOURCE THAT GLADYS MARIN HAD STATED SHE HAD INFORMATION ON THE TERUGGI CASE WHICH SHE WISHED TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF CHICAGO GROUP. FYI ONLY: THIS REPORT RECEIVED FROM DUTCH AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY ON FEBRUARY 23.
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ALTHOUGH SHE DID NOT PLACE ANY RESTRAINTS ON OUR USE OF INFORMATION, WE OBVIOUSLY WISH TO PROTECT HER AS WELL AS OFFICER WHO IDENTIFIED MARIN AS AUTHOR. END FYI

9. GIVEN THE ABOVE, DEPT MIGHT FLOAT SUSPICION THAT AUTHOR IS GLADYS MARIN, PRES OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM IN THE DUTCH EMBASSY ON OR AROUND OCT 15.

10. WE REALIZE ABOVE IS CERTAINLY LESS SATISFACTORY THAN A
FLAT STATEMENT CREDITING A SPECIFIC SOURCE. HOWEVER, GIVEN OUR
CONCERN WITH PROTECTING DUTCH EMBASSY PERSONNEL, WE VIEW IT IS
BEST RESPONSE POSSIBLE.

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